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 (Original) A gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier having a horizontal lasing structure, the gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier comprising:

- a gain layer for amplifying an optical signal;
- a Bragg lattice layer formed on both sides of the gain layer along a longitudinal direction of the gain layer, said Bragg layer enabling light having a corresponding wavelength to resonate in a direction vertical to a longitudinal direction of the gain layer;
- a passive light waveguide layer for restraining light resonating between lattices of the Bragg lattice layer;
  - an electrode for supplying current to the gain layer; and
- a current-blocking layer for preventing current from flowing to an area other than the gain layer.
- (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passive light waveguide layer is formed above the Bragg lattice layer.
- (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passive light waveguide layer is formed below the Bragg lattice layer.

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(Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1.
further comprising a phase conversion area formed at one side of the Bragg lattice layer.

5. (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phase conversion area is adjusted by omitting a predetermined portion of the Bragg lattices from the Bragg layer.

6. (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 4, further comprising a phase conversion electrode for supplying current to the phase conversion area.

 (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a phase conversion electrode for supplying current to the phase conversion area.

8. (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier includes a ridge type gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier.

 (Original) The gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gain-clamped semiconductor optical amplifier has a buried hetero-structure.